

First Presbyterian Church of Rolla
Worship Service on Palm/Passion Sunday

March 28, 2021

Welcome

Prelude: A Quiet Blessing – Vivian Vevenger

Opening Hymn: Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Call to Worship (*led by Jean Day*)

Blessed is the coming kingdom.

Hosanna in the highest!

When Jesus and his disciples were approaching
Jerusalem, *Mark 11:1-6*
at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives,
he sent two of his disciples
and said to them, “Go into the village ahead of you,
and immediately as you enter it,
you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden;
untie it and bring it.
If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’
just say this,
‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here
immediately.’”
They went away and found a colt tied near a door,
outside in the street.
As they were untying it, some of the bystanders
said to them,
“What are you doing, untying the colt?”
They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed
them to take it.

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Hosanna in the highest!

Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw
their cloaks on it; *Mark 11:7-11*
and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks
on the road,
and others spread leafy branches that they had cut
in the fields.
Then those who went ahead and those who followed
were shouting,
“Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the
name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!
Hosanna in the highest!”
Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple;
and when he had looked around at everything, as it
was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

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Hosanna in the highest!

Ride On (reading by Mary Kwantes and Jonathan Kimball)

Reflection: *Taking the First Step*

Response

Jesus Christ, lover of all, you raise us up –
our spirits, our expectations, our hopes.
JESUS CHRIST, LOVER OF ALL, YOU RAISE US UP.

Jesus Christ, lover of all, you hold us close:
when all seems lost, when hard times come,
when we don't know where else to turn.
JESUS CHRIST, LOVER OF ALL, YOU HOLD US CLOSE.

Jesus Christ, lover of all, you lead us forward –
beyond our dreams,
to places we didn't expect, or even want to go:
to a new life and way.
JESUS CHRIST, LOVER OF ALL, YOU LEAD US FORWARD.

And we will follow.
Jesus Christ, lover of all, help us to follow you.

Hymn: *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

Reflection: *The Church Dispersed*

Gospel Lesson: Mark 15:1-5

Hymn: *Ah, Holy Jesus*

Gospel Lesson: Mark 15:25-47

Silent Prayer

Prayer (Based on Psalm 31:9-16, led by Jesse Kimball)

Hymn: *They Crucified My Lord*

Benediction (Based on Philippians 2:5-11)

Postlude: Let Praise Ring Forth – Edward Broughton

Scriptures are read from the NRSV translation. Music performed by Lorie Francis, Mary Kwantes, and Jeff Sandquist. Worship led by Rev. Lou Ellen Hartley, with contributions from Jean Moran Day, Mary Kwantes, Jonathan Kimball, and Jesse Kimball. Portions of the service drawn from the PC(USA) Book of Common Worship, used by permission.